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DIGITAL WATERMARK EXTRACTING METHOD,  
RECORDING MEDIUM, IMAGE RECORDING  
DEVICE, AND IMAGE REPLAYING DEVICE**  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

SIR:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, applicants wish to call the attention of the Examiner to the information identified in the attached form PTO-1449. A copy of the prior art references are enclosed.

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The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language references is found in the translations of the abstracts of each of the Japanese language references. See MPEP §609 A(3).

Applicants respectfully request that the examiner consider the enclosed prior art reference materials in the examination of this application. Applicants respectfully suggest that the enclosed references are not material to the instant invention.

No fees are deemed necessary for the submission of this Information Disclosure Statement, as it is being filed before a first office action in this Application. However, if any fees are necessary in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement, please debit our Deposit Account No. 13-4550.

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